

MANISTEE AREA P.E.G. COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 1998

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Manistee Area P.E.G. Commission was held on January 21, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: F. Balcer, K. Fenstermacher, M. Bajtko, G. Carlson, N. LeMire, John Mencarelli

MEMBERS ABSENT: T. Kaminski

OTHERS PRESENT: Lori Donnan (Administrative Assistant), Ben Bifoss (City Manager), Tex Collins, Bill Froberg, Rhonda Waitner, Lorraine Carlson

The January 21 meeting was opened at 6:02 p.m. by K. Fenstermacher. Ms. Fenstermacher welcomed John Mencarelli as the new member appointed by City Council to the PEG Commission. A motion was made by Balcer and supported by Carlson to approve the October 8 and November 10 minutes. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Members elected officers for the 1998 year. A motion was made by LeMire and supported by Carlson to nominate K. Fenstermacher as Chairperson. With no further nominations, the nominations were closed by Balcer. The motion was passed with a 6-0 vote. N. LeMire made a motion to nominate G. Carlson as Vice-Chairperson. The motion was supported by F. Balcer. No further nominations were heard, and the nominations were closed by Fenstermacher. The motion was passed with a 6-0 vote. K. Fenstermacher motioned to nominate N. LeMire as Secretary. G. Carlson supported the motion and the nominations were closed by F. Balcer. The motion was passed with a 6-0 vote.

Members reviewed the sub-committee's recommendations for the future operation of Channel 2. Committee discussed the possibility of receiving grant funds from Cable Michigan. Donnan noted that Cable Michigan has been contacted on that matter and she is waiting for a response. A suggestion was made that equipment may be available from the community in the form of a donation. Corrections were made to the recommendation as follows: Item 2 was changed to Software for computer; Item 5 was changed to 2 Video Camcorders with auxiliary microphone input; Item 6 was changed to 2 tripods; Item 9 was changed to 2 Directional Microphones; Item 11 was added as Maintenance, Tapes at a price of \$689; and 'a member' was deleted from the ninth sentence. After corrections were made, total cost of the equipment was adjusted from \$13,326 to \$15,000. J. Mencarelli noted that he was in favor of hiring a director to operate the station. A motion was made by LeMire to accept the corrected recommendation, present it to City Council at the February 10 worksession and present it to Filer Township at a future date. The motion was supported by G. Carlson and passed with a 6-0 vote.

Balcer will contact the Filer Township Supervisor to schedule a presentation date for the Filer Township Board.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the PEG Commission will be held on February 25, 1998 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers at the Manistee City Hall.

Citizen comments were presented from Tex Collins and Bill Froberg.

Motion to adjourn was made by LeMire and supported by Carlson. All members were in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy LeMire, Secretary

